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SUBJECT: KUDREMUH PROJECT

1. WITH THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF DOLS100 MILLION OF THE DOLS630 MILLION IRANIAN LOAN TO DEVELOP THE KUDREMUH IRON ORE PROJECT IN HAND, THE GOI IS NOW ENGAGED IN A SERIES OF FINAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH FOREIGN FIRMS CONTENDING FOR THE MINING ASSOCIATES AND THE ENGINEER CONSTRUCTORS CONTRACTS TO DEVELOP THIS PROJECT.

2. NEGOTIATIONS WITH FIRMS SEEKING THE MINING ASSOCIATES CONTRACT STARTED WITH KAISER STEEL ON MARCH 3 AND 4 FOLLOWED BY MARCONA MARCH 8 AND 9 AND CANADIAN MET CHEM ON MARCH 11 AND 12.

LKAB(SWEDEN) HAS ALSO EXPRESSED SOME INTEREST ON THE MINING SIDE AND DISCUSSIONS WITH THIS FIRM MAY TAKE PLACE AT END OF

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3. THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS WITH FIRMS COMPETING FOR THE ENGINEER
CONSTRUCTORS CONTRACT IS TO INVOLVE CANADIAN MET CHEM
ON MARCH 17 AND 18 FOLLOWED BY KAISER ENGINEERS MARCH 19 AND
20, FLUOR UTAH MARCH 22 AND 23, ARTHUR MCKEEN MARCH 24 AND
25 AND SOFREMINE MARCH 26 AND 27.

4. ALTHOUGH NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO WIND UP BY THE END OF THIS
MONTH A DECISION ON THE CONTRACTORS SELECTED IS NOT LIKELY
TO BE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED BEFORE MAY OR JUNE.

5. MARCH 1, 1976, HAS BEEN SET AS THE OFFICIAL STARTING DATE
FOR THE PROJECT.SCHNEIDER

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